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owed by rain late tonight or
tomorrow.

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ENVOY FROM ITALY PLANS A LONG TOUR

Prince Will Visit Land
He Worked as
Engineer

HAYS MADE LT.-COL.

Administration Favors
Giving Cuba Dominion
Over Isle of Pines—U.
S. Not Interested.

By ISAAC GREGG
Washington, March 5.—Prince
Gelasio Caetani, Ambassador
of Italy to the United States,
is planning an extensive tour of
the middle west and the Pacific Coast
states, it was officially learned
today. Prince Caetani plans to
visit Mt. Vernon and Arlington
National cemetery where the
Prince will place a wreath on the
tomb of the unknown soldier dead.
During the course of the tour,
which will probably extend over
a period of two months, the Am-
bassador will visit the various
Italian colonies which are making
elaborate plans to receive him.
He expects to leave sometime in
April. The country over which
the Ambassador will travel is en-
tirely familiar to him as he spent
many years in that region as a
mining engineer.

Will H. Hays, former Postmas-
ter-General and now czar of the
movies, was today commissioned
a lieutenant colonel in the Ad-
jutant General's Department, Of-
ficers' Reserve Corps. Mr. Hays
passed his physical and mental
examination with flying colors
and took the oath immediately
afterward. It was explained at
the War Department that in case
of another national emergency,
the military postal service will be
under the Adjutant General's De-
partment and that the Secretary
of War plans to place Mr. Hays
at the head of the service if he
is ever called to active duty in case
of emergency. The records of the
military service during the world
war are being forwarded to Mr.
Hays in New York, where he
plans to make a thorough study
of them in order to prepare for
the job.

The Harding Administration
favors the treaty giving Cuba
sovereignty over the Isle of Pines
and will continue that attitude
despite protests from American
residents of the island, it was
learned today.

With the revival of the ques-
tion in the United States Senate,
where the treaty has been pend-
ing since 1904, a campaign has
been instituted by Americans in
the island to dissuade the Admin-
istration from its present stand.

The status of the Isle of Pines
was left undetermined in the
Treaty with Cuba in 1903, the
convention stating specifically
that the question should be de-
cided by future negotiation. In
the following year, 1904, a treaty
was negotiated giving Cuba sov-
ereignty over the island. This
treaty was never ratified by the
United States and the question
remains in abeyance.

Nevertheless, Administration of-
ficials hold that there can be no
question as to Cuba's rights in
the matter. They point to the
fact that title to sovereignty
over the island did not pass to
the United States under the
treaty with Spain; that the island
is adjacent to Cuba; and that it
has been administered by the
Cuban authorities ever since the
island republic gained its inde-
pendence.

Officials are inclined to depre-
ciate suggestions that Americans
who have business interests in the
Isle of Pines would suffer if sov-
ereignty over the island would
definitely be conceded to Cuba.
Not only has there apparently
been no cause for complaint on
this ground during the Cuban ad-
ministration of the Isle of Pines,
but it is also pointed out that
American business interests in
Cuba proper are much more ex-
(Continued on page six)

NEW OFFICER DOES NOT EXPECT TO CHANGE ANY OF CITY'S DEPARTMENTS

Director of Public Safety Morton Says he Will Only
Direct the Present Heads of Fire and
Police Department

"My idea is not to tear down or
destroy or to change the person-
nel of either the police or fire de-
partments of the city, but simply
to make them more efficient," was
the statement made by Paul Mor-
ton, director of public safety, re-
cently appointed, from a sick bed
at noon today at the Hotel Ram-
mel to a representative of the
Gazette.

Mr. Morton explained his first
work will be to make a survey of
local conditions.
The men working under Chief
Goods of the police department
and Chief McDermott, of the
fire department, will under the
present arrangements, he ex-
plained, report as they have al-
ways done to their respective
chiefs and the chiefs of these de-
partments in turn will make their
reports and recommendations to
him. It was further explained
by Mr. Morton that he in turn
will submit all of his reports and
recommendations to the respec-
tive chiefs of the departments
under his control. In this way
he hopes to generally improve
the efficiency of these depart-
ments.

Mr. Morton was born in Louis-
ville, Ky., and is thirty years old
and married and has two children.
He has spent practically all of
his life in Virginia. He studied
civil engineering at Vanderbilt
University, Nashville, Tennessee.
Since leaving school he has been
employed chiefly in railroad con-
struction work. Most of his life
he has spent in Richmond, al-
though for a time he was located
at Orange, Va. He has been em-
ployed in railroad construction
work by the Chesapeake and
Ohio Railroad and the Southern

Bombs Tossed at Cairo English

Unidentified Persons
Hurl Bombs Into Brit-
ish Headquarters

Cairo, March 5.—An Egyptian
was killed, three British soldiers
wounded and military intelligence
communications threatened with
disruption when two unidentified
persons, apparently natives, whirl-
ed through Cairo in a motor-car
driven at terrific speed and hurled
bombs at British headquarters.

One bomb which rolled into the
signal room at headquarters
would have disorganized commu-
nication for the whole district had
it exploded. The other fell into
a cafe adjoining headquarters,
burst, wrecking the cafe and
caused the four casualties.

A close guard is always kept
about the signal station, yet the
unknown assailants were able to
approach, throw the bombs ac-
curately and escape in their car.
The outrage was the third in
three weeks.

Electrocuted For Murder of Baby

Father Murdered His
Own Child Three
Weeks Old

(By United Press.)
Rockview, Pa., March 5.—Floyd
Smith, Bradford county, convicted
of the murder of his three
weeks old child, was electrocuted
in the western penitentiary here
early today.

Bond Issue For \$150,000 Expected To Be Adopted

Although a light vote is being
cast today in Jefferson district,
Arlington county, on the propo-
sed bond issue for \$150,000 for
schools, reports from that county
are to the effect that the issue
in all probability will be ratified
by a fair majority of the free-
holders of that district.
The polls will remain open un-
til sunset which is 6:04 o'clock
this evening.
There are 150 registered voters
in this district. However, from
reports gathered it is not thought
that more than 200 will take
part in today's election. Resi-

Railway Company, most of his
work, however, has been with the
Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad
and prior to coming to Alexan-
dria he was employed by the
Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad as
assistant engineer with head-
quarters in Richmond.

Since January 15 of this year
Mr. Morton has been in training
for the present job in New York
City where he gained considerable
experience in both police and
fire work.

During the progress of the
world war Mr. Morton served
overseas with the 17th Engineers
they being engaged in France in
railroad construction work.

Aviator Dies As Plane Falls

Five Others Injured
When Engine Trouble
Causes Fall

(By The United Press.)
New York, March 5.—Lieuten-
ant Stanley Smith is dead, and
Major Follette Bradley is in a
serious condition in the Buchwic
hospital today as the result of
the crash of a Martin bombing
plane returning to Rantoul, Ill.,
the home station of both officers.
Four enlisted men who were
also in the plane are suffering
from cuts and bruises.

The big plane had just got
under way when one of the en-
gines went bad. A forced land-
ing was made in a field thick with
mud. The machine turned over in
a shower of splinters and twist-
ed wires. The two officers were
pinned under the engine.

Knife Wielder Held For Grand Jury

Following a preliminary hear-
ing in the police court today
John E. Reed, colored, charged
with assaulting and cutting Julia
Wheeler, colored, was held for the
action of the grand jury. The wo-
man is now a patient in the Alex-
andria Hospital suffering from
the effects of cuts on the throat,
head and shoulders. She is being
treated by Dr. Llewellyn Powell.
The cutting according to the tes-
timony took place Saturday af-
ternoon at the residence of An-
drew Tyree, colored, Makeley's
court, where a party was in
progress. Jealousy and too much
white lightning are held responsi-
ble for the cutting and as stated
elsewhere Tyree in court was held
for the grand jury for violating
the prohibition law. Reed was
represented by Attorney Robert
Thompson. Reed was arrested by
policemen Magner, Miller and
Lawrence Padgett.

SONNY WHITNEY WEDS
(By United Press.)
Paris, March 5.—Cornelius
Vanderbilt (Sonny) Whitney, for-
mer Yale athlete and son of Mr.
and Mrs. Harry Payne Whitney,
and Miss Mary Norton of New
York, were married today.

AFTER DAMAGES
New York: Because he broke
a leg while putting a barrel of
cider into his cellar, Patrick Ke-
elan asked pay for loss of five
months time. He claimed his
foreman told him to put it in.

KISSES HONEST MAN
Boston: When a south Boston
taxi man returned her husband's
wallet containing \$4,000, Mrs.
Harry Weston, of Greenville, N.
J., kissed him as a reward.

CONGRESS NOT TO BE CALLED INTO SESSION

Both Congress and Coun-
try Will Have Long
Legislative Rest

SWAN SONGS SUNG

President Signs Fifty
Bills in Last Forty-
Five Minutes Before
Adjournment.

(By United Press.)
Washington, March 5.—Con-
gress today began a long vaca-
tion.

The country began a long rest
from Congress.

With the death of the Six-
teenth Congress at noon yester-
day, President Harding emphati-
cally expressed to administration
leaders his determination not to
call the national legislature back
into session until the regular ses-
sion next December.

If he can carry out this plan,
the period from March to De-
cember will represent the longest
Congressional vacation since pre-
war days.

The death of the present Con-
gress was, marked by sharp con-
trasts in the two houses.

In the senate, there was Sab-
bath solemnity, as members kept
debating minor legislation almost
up to the stroke of twelve. The
house forgot all about legislative
matters and indulged in a noisy
farewell session, which despite
its merriment was not without
its pathos.

There were tears in many eyes
as "Uncle Joe" Cannon, carrying
his old sloth hat, walked down
the aisles for the last time, amid
one of the greatest demonstra-
tions ever given a retiring mem-
ber.

"Uncle Joe" sang no swan song
The expression of pent up emo-
tion on his face indicated he
couldn't if he had tried.

Old songs were sung, leaders
of both parties said kind words
about each other, a tribute was
paid to Miss Alice Robertson and
Mrs. Winifred Huck, retiring
congresswomen and then the final
gavel fell.

Virtually no legislation was
enacted in either house yesterday.
President Harding spent the last
forty-five minutes of the session
in his room off the senate, sign-
ing about 50 bills.

The only important nomination
to fail of confirmation was that
James G. McNary of El Paso to
be comptroller of the currency.
The President expected to fill this
office by a recess appointment.

Women's Calmness Averts Disaster

Thirty Firemen Over-
come as 300 Leave
Theatre Blaze

(By United Press.)
New York, March 5.—Nearly
300 persons who escaped from
the Crystal Hall Motion Picture
theatre last night as flames were
consuming the building, owe their
lives today to the coolness of
Miss Ioleen Thompson, organist,
and Miss Olga Buchinger, the
cashier.

While the audience was watch-
ing a comedy picture on the sec-
ond floor and 250 others were in
an arcade on the first floor Miss
Buchinger discovered smoke pour-
ing from a basement hallway.
She threw her receipts into a
safe, notified the manager and ran
to basement and rescued her
three pet kittens.

Returning she stood in the
front of one aisle and directed
scores of persons to the fire ex-
its after they had been told by
the manager that there was a
fire next door. Miss Thompson
while smoke came through door-
ways, played a lively march that
calmed the departing audience af-
ter it had shown signs of panic.

Thirty firemen were overcome
during the fire that burned for
two and a half hours. N. Shaef-
er, manager of the theatre, fought
the flames with a fire extin-
guisher until he became un-
conscious.

Await Action On Gas Tax Bill

Gas May Be \$1.00 a Gallon

(By United Press.)
Washington, March 5.—A
warning that the country be-
fore many years may be
forced to pay \$1.00 a gal-
lon for gasoline is contained
in the report of the senate
committee investigating oil
prices.
It declares that if "a few
great companies are permit-
ted to manipulate prices for
the next few years as they
have since 1920, the people
of the country must be pre-
pared to pay at least \$1.00
a gallon for gasoline."

HOPES FOR PASSAGE OF BOND ISSUE

State Delegate Smith
Says Many Favor
Compromise

GAS TAX IN SIGHT

If Gas Tax Goes Through
Greater Bond Issue Will
Come Later Before
People.

Discussing the proposed \$12-
000,000 bond issue by the state
legislature, now in session in
Richmond, State Delegate Charles
Henry Smith, who represents this
city and Arlington county in the
State Legislature, said today that
while he is hopeful of the pas-
sage of the bond issue, otherwise
a two or three cent gasoline tax
may be adopted as an emergency
measure in the interest of good
roads he thinks.

In the opinion of Mr. Smith
is the \$12,000,000 bond issue does
not pass later there will be bond
issue probably for about \$50,000-
000 which will be submitted to
the people. The proposed bond
issue for \$12,000,000, however,
he stated would not be submitted.

However, Mr. Smith is of the
opinion that probably a two cent
gas tax will be the compromise
effected, as there are many mem-
bers of the legislature he said
who are agreeable to such a com-
promise. Mr. Smith spent the
week end here and expects to re-
turn to Richmond this evening.

Revolutionists Kill Five French

"French Oppression"
Causes Uprising in
Aleppo Populace

Constantinople, March 5.—Five
French soldiers were killed in an
uprising of the populace at Adel-
pho in protest against "French
oppression," according to reports
to newspapers here. The revolu-
tionary movement is said to be
spreading, interrupting commu-
nication between Aleppo and Al-
exandria today.

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ditions there. Dr. Brodie has re-
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through Asia Minor where he
made personal inspection of con-
ditions.

CUNO MAY ASK FOR STRONGER RUHR PROTEST

Will Seek Breaking of
Diplomatic Relations
With French

TROUBLE REPORTED

Big Fair at Leipzig Opens
With 10,000 in Attend-
ance Despite Fresh Out-
burst of Hatred.

Berlin, March 5.—Chancellor
Cuno may ask the special session
of the Reichstag tomorrow to
break diplomatic relations with
France, Die Welt Am Montag
declared today.

A report is gaining credence
in diplomatic circles, the paper
said, that the chancellor will not
content himself with a mere note
of protest against the occupation
of Mannheim, Karlsruhe and
Darmstadt but will seek strong-
er action.

The French advance into the in-
dustrial cities of the Upper
Rhine appears to have had the
effect of arousing German peo-
ples everywhere to protest and
mid revolt. More trouble was
reported from the Ruhr than for
weeks; Berlin seethed with dem-
onstrations. Many of which took
on a nationalistic character; other
mass meetings were against war;
high rents and Jews; any form
of disturbance drew enthusiastic
crowds.

In the midst of all these dis-
turbances, however, the famous
Leipzig fair opened this morning
with 100,000 visitors attending
before the day was over. Twenty
percent of those who attended
the opening day were foreigners.
The fair is one of the great events
of the year in central Europe.

At Augsburg, in Bavaria, at
Essen in the Ruhr, and at Mann-
heim, serious disturbances were
reported.

At Bochum a French sentry
shot and killed a civilian who re-
fused to obey his orders to halt.

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Germany Buys U. S. Vessels

(By United Press.)
London, March 5.—Ger-
many already has acquired
a large part of the United
States Shipping Board fleet
which is being sold as a
result of the defeat of Presi-
dent Harding's ship subsidy
bill, the Daily Mail stated
today.
The paper gives as an in-
stance the fact that the
Harriman group has acquir-
ed for the North German
Lloyd Company six combined
passenger and cargo steam-
ers.
Hugo Stinnes has bought
twelve vessels ranging from
four to eight thousand
comprising the shipping
board's Baltic and Mediter-
anean fleets.

President Leaves On Florida Trip

Mr. and Mrs. Harding
Join General Exodus
From Capital

(By United Press.)
Washington, March 5.—Presi-
dent and Mrs. Harding today join
the great exodus of high govern-
ment officials from Washington,
leaving the capital for their long-
deferred vacation trip to Florida.
It will be Mrs. Harding's first
departure from the executive
mansion since her serious ill-
ness began last September, and
will signalize her final recovery
and her return to public life.

The members of the President-
ial party will proceed direct to
Ormond, Fla., where they will
board the houseboat Pioneer, as
the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ed-
ward B. McLean, of Washington,
for a trip down the Indian River
to the Florida coast. The boat
journey is expected to terminate
at Palm Beach, with stops at in-
termediate points. After a stay
of several days at Palm Beach,
The President expects to return
to St. Augustine, after a several
days stop there he will return to
Washington early next month.

The guests on the Presidential
train will include Attorney Gen-
eral Daugherty; Secretary of La-
bor Davis; Secretary of War and
Mrs. Weeks; Senator and Mrs.
Joseph F. Frelinghuysen, of New
Jersey; Senator Frederick Hale,
of Maine; Chairman A. D. Lasker
of the Shipping Board; Judge
John Barton Payne; Jess Smith,
of Ohio; Brig. Gen. C. E. Saw-
yer, and Secretary George B.
Christian, Jr.

Secretary and Mrs. Weeks will
leave the party at Jacksonville,
while Senator Frelinghuysen and
his party will continue to Ormond,
where they will board the sena-
tor's yacht, Victoria, for a com-
panion trip down the coast. Gen.
Charles G. Dawes, of Chicago,
former director of the budget,
will join the President's party at
Ormond.

V. R. & P. Settles An Old Bond Suit

Norfolk, March 5.—The Vir-
ginia Railway and Power Com-
pany has effected a compromise
settlement with the Banks Trust
Company, of New York. Thomas
O'Connor and others, parties to a
suit heard in the Federal Dis-
trict Court and will pay \$280,000
to holders of debenture bonds of
the Richmond Passenger and
Power Company, taken over by
the V. R. & P. in 1909.

The suits against the traction
company has been ordered dis-
missed, all parties consenting, by
Judge D. Lawrence Groner.

Older Members To Be Guests At Light Infantry Banquet

Former members of the Old
Alexandria Light Infantry along
with those who are contemplat-
ing joining the company that is
now being organized under the
direction of Captain Robert
Thomas will be guests at a din-
ner to be given at the Chamber
of Commerce tomorrow night at
8 o'clock. Invitations were sent
out this afternoon.
A representative from the Ad-
jutant General's Office in Rich-
mond it is understood will be
present. City officials will talk

LEGISLATURE GOES EASILY ON QUESTIONS

Both Sides Are Playing
Waiting Games—Un-
certainty Reigns

MAJORITY UNSAFE

It Is Believed That Bond
Issue Will Not Be In-
troduced Until Gas Bill
Is Taken Up.

(By L. E. Cooper)

Richmond, Va., March 5.—With
the advocates of a bond issue
for road construction awaiting
the action of the special session
of the General Assembly on the
three cent tax on gasoline be-
fore introducing their bill col-
lecting for \$12,000,000 in road bonds,
and with the proponents of the
gasoline tax also playing a wait-
ing game, it was apparent to-
day that neither side felt con-
fident of victory. This lack of
confidence on the part of both
the three cent tax advocates and
the advocates of the bond issue
results from the fact that nei-
ther side feels it has enough vot-
ers pledged to assure passage of the
measure when it is considered in
either the House or the Senate.

While the leaders in the
issue movement await the action
of the gas tax proposition, which
has been referred in the Senate
to the roads and Navigation
Committee, the gas tax advocates
are also playing a waiting game,
declaring that the committee con-
sideration of highway matters
should not begin until after the
introduction of the road bill.

It was evident today that the
fate of both bills depended upon
the "Non-conformist" element in
the General Assembly, that is,
those who have declined to come
out boldly either for the three
cent tax proposition or for the
bond issue. This element consti-
tutes the majority at present, and
their vote will decide the ques-
tion of highway legislation it is
understood that the majority of
the Senate Committee to which
the gas tax bill has been re-
ferred is favorable to the mea-
sure and many express the opin-
ion that there should be no delay
in reporting it out.

This measure follows in the
order as recommended by the
governor in his message. A re-
port which went the rounds yester-
day was to the effect that an
attempt would be made to force
the early introduction on the bond
bill by representing of a resolu-
tion to stop the further intro-
duction of bills relating to high-
way matters.

It is reported that there will be
introduced in the Senate this af-
ternoon a bill carrying out the
suggestions of Governor Trinkle
in regard to meeting federal aid
funds, the bill will empower the
Governor to borrow, some time in
advance of the receipt of the mill
tax, whatever amount may be
needed to match Federal aid
funds, this would be repaid when
the mill tax came in.

Richmond, Va., March 5.—In
spite of the fact that a measure
restricting legislation to certain
specified questions, and such
other matters may be recom-
mended by the government, it
was obvious today that the spe-
cial session of the general assem-
bly will have enough business
to come before it to keep the leg-
islators busy for many days. In
a second message to the state so-
lons, the governor has let the
bars down for the introduction of
a number of bills.
Among the 13 subjects rec-
ommended for passage by the
governor in his second commu-
nication are included measures
amending the motion picture
censorship bill, the workmen's
compensation bill, and laws in
regard to courtesy and dower
equalization.
Other subjects mentioned in
the governor's message included
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